Maine Regional School Unit 21



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October 30, 2015

Docket:

Schools and Libraries Program: CC Docket No. 02-6

USAC applicant filing appeal:

Regional School Unit #21 (BEN 16056013)

Contact information:

Bruce Rudolph, Business Administrator brudolph@rsu21.net 207-985-1100

Documentation of USAC's decision:

See attached email dated Oct. 30, 2015

Supporting documentation of USAC's decision:

Same as above

Identify a problem and the reason for its appeal:

Problem: Late filing of four BEAR invoices: #2281816, #2281814, #2281790, and #2281785

Reason for appeal: Our school district maintains an electronic system for tracking reporting deadlines. The system noted "October 30" as the deadline for filing USAC BEAR invoices.

We submitted four BEAR invoices to USAC on October 29, believing (incorrectly) that we had filed about thirty-two hours prior to the deadline. We learned today that the actual deadline was midnight October 28, however, so our submissions were made about sixteen hours past the deadline (see attached).

We understand it is our responsibility to meet deadlines. Our oversight was not caused by neglect but rather from relying on faulty information contained in our tracking system since at least 2012. This information has since been corrected to avoid future problems. We sincerely regret the error.

Explain precisely the relief sought through this appeal:

We respectfully request a waiver from the FCC in order that we may request an extension of the filing deadline from USAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Rudolph

Business Administrator



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RE: Initial Contact 22-860316

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sldnoreply@sl.universalservice.org <sldnoreply@sl.universalservice.org> To: brudolph@rsu21.net

Fri, Oct 30, 2015 at 8:26 AM

Thank you for your inquiry.

The deadline to file an extension for funding year 2014 was 10/28/2015. If an invoice deadline extension request is not timely filed, you must first file a waiver request with the FCC and the FCC must grant your waiver request before USAC can extend the invoice deadline.

Waiver request instructions may be found at the following: http://usac.org/about/about/program-integrity/appeals.aspx

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our Schools and Libraries Helpline at 1-888-203-8100. Please remember to visit our website for updates: http://www.usac.org/sl

Thank you, Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Administrative Company

---Original Message----

From: brudolph@rsu21.net Subject: Initial Contact

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[AttachmentFlag]=N[Question2]=We submitted 4 BEAR invoices today but were informed the deadline was yesterday. How do I proceed filing for an extension? Thank you.